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UM STUDENT TO WRITE PAPER ON FAULKNER THEME

MISSOULA--

A University of Montana student from San Diego, Calif., Dale Ulland, has received a \$1,000 Watkins Scholarship to research and write a senior honors paper on the theme of spiritual redemption in William Faulkner's novels and short stories.

Ulland, a senior in English creative writing at UM, said that one of Faulkner's frequent themes centers on characters searching for the "redemption of one's spiritual being through hunting, nature and confirmation of an Edenic past in the present time."

Ulland's theory is that Faulkner "offers spiritual redemption through ritualistic, sacramental hunts labeled as 'sport.'"

Faculty adviser for Ulland's project is Dr. Jesse Bier, professor of English at UM.

Ulland, son of Daniel and Rose Marie Ulland of San Diego, is a 1977 graduate of Patrick Henry High School.

Since the program began in 1978, a total of 114 UM students have been awarded the competitive Watkins scholarships based on their prior academic achievements and the quality of their research proposals. The scholarship funds come from the \$353,000 Gordon and Anna Watkins endowment at UM.

Gordon Watkins was a 1914 UM alumnus who was a Welsh coal miner before he immigrated to the United States in 1906. He received the doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1918 and an honorary doctor of laws degree from UM in 1940.

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Watkins taught in Illinois and California universities and was provost of the University of California at Riverside until 1956. He also authored several books and articles on economics and labor relations and acted as a federal arbitrator and international consultant in economics. While at UM, Anna Davis Watkins was secretary to the UM president and graduated in English in 1915. Both died in 1970.

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